

Sub 17. Footwear for leaving a personalized imprint on wet sand and other  
2 surfaces, comprising:  
a sole portion having a bottom surface with a tight matrix of projections extending  
4 therefrom,  
each projection being selectively removable, enabling a user to remove a subset of  
6 the projections corresponding to the personalized imprint.

2. The footwear of claim 1, wherein each projection has a nominal length in  
2 the range of 3/16 to 3/8 inch, and a nominal width in the range of 1/8 to 3/16 inch.

Sub 18. 3. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the projections are circular, triangular,  
2 rectangular, square, or hexagonal in cross-section.

4. The footwear of claim 1, further including a non-partitioned border  
2 surrounding the matrix of projections.

5. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the sole portion is at least partially  
2 transparent, enabling the user to view the projections therethrough as they are being  
removed.

6. The footwear of claim 1, wherein the sole portion forms part of a sandal or  
2 thong.

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7. A method of modifying footwear to produce a personalized footprint on  
2 wet sand and other surfaces, comprising:  
providing footwear having a sole portion with a bottom surface including a matrix  
4 of projections extending therefrom; and  
selectively removing a plurality of the projections to produce a mirror image  
6 corresponding to the personalized footprint.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein at least the sole portion of the footwear is  
2 transparent or semi-transparent, enabling a user to view the projections therethrough as  
they are being selectively removed.

9. The method of claim 7, further including the step of flexing the sole  
2 portion to better expose projections to be removed.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein the projections are such that they may be  
2 removed by hand without tools.

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